

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD
MAY 27, 2008.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board met on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 12:00 noon in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Vice President Dillinger called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Christine Altman, John Ditslear, Steven C. Dillinger and Steven A. Holt. Jim Belden, Dan Henke and Charlie White were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Ditslear motioned to approve the minutes of April 28, 2008. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste Center

Steve Wood stated the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center is busy. Appliance collection is better than anticipated; they have collected 72 refrigerators in two Wednesday collections. When they hire their new person they will take appliances on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Holt asked if there is an extra person why would you not take appliances every day? Wood stated it takes two full time employees to handle the appliance collection. On Wednesdays and Thursdays there will also be a part-time employee working. They are working out the bugs in the collection process and he is hoping to collect appliances every day of the week next year, tires are collected every day. 1,115 customers have visited the HHW Center through May 20, 2008. Wood expects to hit 1,500 visitors which would be the biggest month to date. They average 46 people per day.

Roadside Clean-up

Wood stated he has spoken with the municipalities and they indicated it would be a better collection if it were done in the early Spring or late Fall in 2009. Wood requested holding off on scheduling the roadside clean-up until 2009. This would give him time to organize it with the municipalities. He would add the costs into the 2009 budget. Altman asked that a press release be sent out stating we are going to put together a comprehensive program that will be launched in February or March 2009. Wood will prepare a draft for the Board's review at the next meeting. Wood suggested the clean-up be held January thru March 2009. Holt motioned to approve. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wood has surgery scheduled for June 16 and will be off work for eight to 10 weeks.

Contract with Hamilton County Health Department

Dillinger stated originally we tied in with the Hamilton County Health Department because the HHW Center had no revenue source. The request for a new employee was brought to the county's Personnel Committee and a Council member indicated that the County Council would not be receptive to a new hire, even though a funding source is available. Dillinger suggested that it may be time to separate from the health department and be a stand alone entity. Altman agreed. Kim Rauch stated the issue is the calculation of payroll and the

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employees continuing their county benefits. Altman stated we have precedent of adding people to the county's benefit plan, as a county unit the Commissioners could allow the HHW employees to receive county insurance. Altman stated the contract will have to be increased with the Auditor's office due to the additional work. Holt asked Wood if there is any downside? Wood stated It has been a windfall to the health department. Whenever the health department has special events or training the employees of the HHW help with the training, any promotions held by the HHW Center also list the health department as a sponsor, they provide storage for the health department, and house the mosquito control out of the facility. Wood anticipates this would all continue. Wood stated they did agree with the health department that they would only help for a certain length of time. The downside of leaving the health department would be the potential of extra staffing when needed. The problem is that none of the health department employees are trained. Wood's concern would be the loss of retirement benefits. Altman stated this is still a governmental entity; service time should not be lost. Wood stated the health department's current role is reviewing the budget and preparing claims. He has worked with the Auditor's office for several years and if we could subsidize the Auditor's office it would be in the best interest of the Solid Waste District. Dillinger stated this Board knows better what the HHW Center needs in regards to staffing. We should not have to jump through a lot of hoops because we have our own revenue stream. We would be able to get them the things they need much easier. Holt asked Robin Mills if there are any potential problems? Mills stated there could be an expenditure needed to put the payroll on the software system; Mills will check on the costs. Dillinger stated he would like the Auditor, Wood, Barry McNulty and Mike Howard to look at this and bring back a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. Dillinger complimented Wood on his running of the Center and stated it would help him if the Center was autonomous. Holt asked what about county health insurance? Howard stated it would have to be done by contract, they would be under the same policies and procedures as a county department but we would need an interlocal agreement.

Additional Appropriation

Holt motioned to approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$39,219. Altman requested the \$50,000 for the roadside clean-up be included in the appropriation for planning expenses. Holt withdrew his motion. Altman motioned to approve \$89,219. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Claim Docket

Holt motioned to approve the Claim Docket in the amount of \$23.41. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ditslear motioned to adjourn. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
John Ditslear, Mayor of Noblesville
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Steve Wood, HHW Director
Kevin Kelly, Leadership Academy
Eric Pethtel, Town of Fishers